ILAB TECHNICAL COOPERATION PROJECT SUMMARY

PROJECT TITLE COAL MINE SAFETY

REGION/COUNTRY Ukraine

PROJECT DURATION September 2003 – September 2013

FUNDING LEVEL FY02: \$800,000

FY03: \$1,500,000 FY04: \$1,420,000 FY05: \$2,926,000 FY06: \$1,485,000 FY10: \$1,500,000

PROBLEM TO BE ADDRESSED Coal mine fatalities and injuries

PROJECT OBJECTIVESReduced coal mining fatalities through the introduction of safety equipment and materials not available in Ukraine.

1. Recognition of technical effectiveness in Ukraine of horizontal drilling techniques to reduce methane concentrations at the coal face.

2. Recognition of technical effectiveness in Ukraine of improved ventilation techniques to reduce methane concentrations at critical locations.

3. Recognition of new techniques in mitigating personal injuries

4. Improving training of coal mine inspectors.

SUMMARY OF ACTIVITIES

The project has demonstrated a number of mining techniques at a number of mine to improve safety, such as horizontal drilling, external leakage sealing, internal leakage sealing techniques in the primary and secondary ventilation systems, and reducing resistance in ventilation networks. The project has also disseminated the results from the demonstrations. In addition, the project has introduced database and safety equipment for reducing personal injuries, analyzed current inspector training, and developed new training materials and techniques.

IMPLEMENTER Partnership for Energy and Environmental Reform

PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS The University of Kentucky

State Committee for Labor Safety

The Ministry of Coal

The Mine Safety and Health Administration

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